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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE IFIS

1. ARGENTINE POLITICAL COUNSELOR BEAUGE RAISED \$100 MILLION WORLD BANK LOAN FOR ARGENTINA WITH ARA/ECA ON JUNE 13. BEAUGE ASKED HOW U.S. WOULD VOTE. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT HE COULD ONLY SAY WE WILL NOT SUPPORT THE LOAN. BEGIN FYI: WE ARE PLANNING TO ABSTAIN AND MAKE A STATEMENT. END FYI.

2. BEAUGE ASKED IF IT IS TOO LATE FOR ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENTS TO INFLUENCE VOTE. DEPTOFF ANSWERED THAT IT IS NOT TOO LATE. BEAUGE THEN ASKED WHAT KIND OF EVENTS WOULD INFLUENCE US. DEPTOFF REMINDED BEAUGE THAT WE HAVE BEEN RAISING SEVERAL PRIORITY CONCERN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. DEPTOFF SPELLED OUT NEED FOR ACTION IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

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- NEED TO PUBLISH A LIST OF ALL PRISONERS BEING HELD BY GOVERNMENT.
- NEED TO BRING PEOPLE TO TRIAL OR FREE THEM.
- NEED TO REGULARIZE DETENTION PROCEDURES AND END DISAPPEARANCES.

- DESIRABILITY OF REINSTITUTING "RIGHT OF OPTION," WHICH ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS BEING HELD WITHOUT CHARGES TO OPT FOR VOLUNTARY EXILE AS LONG AS STATE OF SIEGE LASTS.

- NEED TO PUNISH EXCESSES INCLUDING TORTURE.

3. DEPTOFF ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF INVITING INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. BEAUGE ASKED IF U.S. WOULD REFRAIN FROM UNILATERAL CRITICISM WHILE IAHRC WAS STUDYING ARGENTINA. DEPTOFF SAID THAT HE COULD NOT REPLY BUT THAT U.S. SUPPORTS COMMISSION STRONGLY AND WOULD DO NOTHING TO UNDERMINE ITS WORK. FURTHERMORE, AN INVITATION TO THE COMMISSION WOULD TEND TO LESSEN NEED FOR U.S. ACTION. DEPTOFF WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT, ABOVE ALL, EVENTS IN ARGENTINA WOULD DICTATE U.S. ACTION. BEAUGE COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE POLITICALLY FOR ARGENTINA TO INVITE IAHRC. VANCE

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